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All is quiet in the office to-day. Strange to say, the telephone does not ring, no girls come in to ask for ink, there are no interruptions at all. What a grand chance to write the News Letter! Almost every one else has gone to the Remembrance Day service at the University. (Yes, it is only November 11th when this begins.) From ten until one, the University and the School as part of it, are closed to give staff and students a chance to attend this service. This year too, the girls of the W.S.T.D. (Women's Service Training Detachment) will be there. A number of our students are taking this training twice a week and seem to like it. They look quite natty in their neat gray uniforms with blue ties. Our students are also trying to do some Red Cross work, chiefly in the form of knitting, and it is not an uncommon thing to see a girl going through the hall with a seaman's huge stocking, the long, heavy kind that looks as if it would be very cruel to tender feet, tucked under her arm and knitting needles as big as pencils sticking out here and there. No, they do not knit in class!

Right here seems to be the proper time to tell you of the war work the Alumnae are doing. Regularly every Friday, the Faithful Few come down to the School to sew. You should see the smart outfits they are making for little four-year old boys, to be sent by the Red Cross to England - gray jackets and trousers, little blue striped blouses, red sweaters and gray socks with a red stripe in the top. Some of the graduates who cannot come to sew because they are at work, bring their lunch and at least help in the planning or take work home. Others dash in for wool or to bring back knitted articles, and dash out again. Wouldn't you like to have O.F.F. after your name? And the Ditty Bags! Helen Parsons '22 has been in charge of them, and if you live in or near Toronto and had a ditty bag, you probably heard from her more than once, unless you were forehanded and got yours in by October 15th, as you were supposed to do. 138 bags have already been filled and taken to the Navy League Headquarters. Two are still out as we go to press! Judging by the bulging bags we saw in the office, a good many sailor lads will be made happy at Christmas time. We hope you will each get a letter of thanks from your particular boy, just for the fun of it, but in any case you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you brought Christmas cheer to many and at the same time helped your Alumnae put across a pretty big undertaking. A letter has come from Lady Womersley, Chairman of the Women's Branch of the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Unionist Association, thanking the Alumnae for all the articles they sent last year for the Grimsby men in the Navy. Lady Womersley says, "I hasten to express the very sincere thanks both of myself and my committee for your magnificent contribution. The garments are simply splendid and the Razor Blades and Soap most acceptable. The 'Boys' are particularly appreciative and very grateful for your kindness."

You will be interested also in the letter that came in October from Miss Phyllis Spaford, secretary of The Ling Association. It speaks for itself. "We are, as you know, keeping the money you sent us to help gymnasts who have suffered through the War, until we find the most deserving case or cases. Last week we made a loan of £9 of it to a member who has lost her physical practice owing to the War and cannot meet dues and rates. As these must be met immediately our Committee felt you would wish to help her from your Fund. She hopes to be in a position to return the money in right course so that the full Fund will be available for its original purpose. In the old time this member has asked us to send you her most grateful thanks - I will write you again later on." Doesn't it give you a nice feeling to know that the money

raised by your own Refresher Course Committee, is doing something to make things a little easier for one of your compatriots in England? By the way, fifty cents of every dollar paid in to the Alumnae for fees this year, will go to the war work. If you have not already done so, send in your fees to Mrs. A.T. Levin (Rose Levy) 89 Constance Street, or to the School office and we will see that she gets the money.

The first meeting of the Alumnae this fall was held at the Residence, 99 St. George Street, on Tuesday, October 28th, President Shirley Naylor '37 in the chair. Elections resulted in the return to office of the following: President, Shirley Naylor; Secretary-Treasurer, Rose Levy Levin '38; Conveners of War Work Committee, Lois Howard Armstrong '22 and Lois Russell Heaton '28; Secretary-Treasurer of War Work Committee, Adrienne Adams Lea '39; Convener of Refresher Course Committee, Dorothy Jackson '27; of Christmas Baskets, Edith Amsden '18; of Graduates Day, Anne Ross Thompson '34; and of the Graduates Reception, Dona Smellie '23. About twenty graduates were present and every one seemed to be interested and enthusiastic. Already Dorothy Jackson and her committee are planning for the Refresher Course, which is to be held on December 29, 30 and 31. There is to be an all-Canadian staff. Elizabeth Wardley Raymer will teach Children's Rhythms, Evelyn Van Valkenburg Social Dancing, Helen Hurd '36 the Modern Dance, Molly Maw Purchase '35 Apparatus and Madeleine Roach, Director of Physical Education for girls at Riverdale Collegiate Institute, Toronto, will teach Gymnastics. At the luncheon to be held on Wednesday, Margaret Eaton, junior commander in the Canadian Women's Army Corps for Military District No. 2 (Toronto) will speak on the work of the Corps. We think the Refresher Course needs you. You certainly need the Refresher Course if you are teaching.

To return to the School, if you would drop in to see us almost any morning, the place would seem about as usual because the building is a busy one; but come in at noon, that is from one to two, and you would feel quite lost. The office is closed then, the staff and students are almost always out for lunch. We do not want you to judge what is going on by the noon hour, however, for staff and students really are busy. Miss Somers is doing a lot of teaching both at the School and at the University - Community Hygiene, Methods, Principles of Education, Social Recreation and Archery, all in our building, and History and Principles, Social Recreation and Archery at the University. Shirley Naylor spends most of her time teaching at the University in the Lillian Massey Gymnasium. She has Tap Dancing here and Games, and she and Miss Somers between them supervise the Seniors' practice teaching in the public schools. Dorothy Jackson is kept busy teaching, mostly at M.E.S., our girls, second year physical education students, diploma students 3rd and 4th years, university women compulsory classes and Occupational and Physio therapy students. For that matter Miss Somers, Miss Jackson and Miss Naylor all teach both M.E.S. and university girls. It must be a little hectic for them in spots, when they have to dash up to the University for a class or two, then back to The Margaret Eaton School for another.

You should have been around for the Office Moving Day. Not that we have moved entirely. If you could drop in to see us, you would not think that there was any less in the office than there has been for many a year. But all the financial records have been transferred to the T. Eaton Co. store, and that means all such records from 1906 to the present day. Picture boxes and bundles of received bills, cheques, cheque and receipt stubs, huge book-keeping books, all piled up on the table, the typewriter desk, the cupboard. Picture the dust of ages collected on some of the bundles even though they were most carefully put away in the cupboard downstairs. Picture our relief when it was all carted away! Little did you realize in the days when you rushed in and out of the Locker Room that the old cupboard in the corner held such important documents! To our mind, still more important documents lie at rest in that old cupboard--pictures of bygone classes wonderful to behold, copies of the school calendar right back to 1906, many cuts and dies, some old Alumnae Minute books, even a parcel of old examinations. What stories they could tell of activity and fun and hard work--vm. classes, league games, demonstrations (arenas we used to call them)! What

pictures they bring to mind of Discussion Groups and Studio Recitals and Drama in the building on North Street!

Thinking of old days has given us an idea. If you will all help, we will have one News Letter that is devoted almost entirely to news of the School before 1926. You who belonged to that time, have you any special memories that would be of interest? Send in all the news you can of graduates of the School of Literature and Expression, before the end of February 1942. Let's make this letter a little different.

New books on Health and Physical Education continue to be published this fall as they are any other fall of any other year. People who have something to say on education will be saying it on paper whether wars rage or other pestilence descends upon us.

A book which just came to my attention is "Fun, Frolic, Fellowship", compiled by R.C.Sidenius of Hamilton and published by The Thorn Press, Toronto, \$1.25. It is a good collection of games of all kinds for social purposes. Mary Breen, author of "Partners in Play", has written a new book entitled, "The Children's Party Book", published by A. S. Barnes & Co. Macmillan has just brought out a book entitled "The Role of the Teacher in Health Education", which seems to me so good that I hope to use it as a text in my course in Health Education. "Work Book for Physical Education", by Mae Iddins (C.V.Mosby Co.) and "Physical Education for Small Elementary Schools", by Harold K. Jacks (A.S.Barnes & Co.) are well reviewed in the last C.P.E.A.Bulletin.

Other useful new books published by A. S. Barnes & Co. (purchased at The Geo. M. Hendry Co., 270 King Street West, Toronto) are:

Hunt and Cain - Games the World Around - \$2.50
Hostetler, Lawrence - Walk your Way to better Dancing - 2.00
Sauthoff, Hermine - Tap Dances for Fun - 2.50
Lees, Josephine - Field Hockey for Girls - 1.00
Hupprich, Florence L. - Soccer and Speedball for Girls - 1.00
Smith, Anne Marie - Play for Convalescent Children - 1.60
Sutton, Rhoda R. - Creative Rhythms - 1.60
Parkhill and Spaeth - It's Fun to make Things - 2.00

-Florence A. Somers

The Referees' Club under the direction of Dorothy Jackson, who is chairman of the Committee on Women's Athletics of the C.P.E.A., has started well. On Saturday, November 22nd, a group of students from the University and M.E.S. gave a demonstration of basketball rules and the technique of officiating. The Hamilton teachers, who were among the goodly number attending, have asked them to give the same demonstration next Saturday in Hamilton, when they will play McMaster University.

Miss Somers had some leaflets sent to her by the Ling Association of England, about their work. Most interesting they were. We quote from an appeal to join the Association: "You may be doing excellent individual work, but the profession needs your active support. You are urged to show your belief in the profession to which you belong by joining the Association as soon as possible." Take that to heart and join your own Canadian Physical Education Association, you who are physical education teachers. Send \$1.00 to Miss Jean Forster, Treasurer, 555 Huron St., Toronto.

NEWS NOTES:

Friends all over the country will regret to hear that Miss Hamilton's nephew, George Birchall, is missing in air operations overseas. George joined the R.A.F. before the war and Miss Hamilton can be proud of his achievements, at only twenty-two years of age, as a member of a bomber patrol squadron. We are all watching the papers eagerly in the hope of seeing that he is a prisoner of war in one of the occupied countries.

Mary Barker '25 has been appointed to the staff of the Canadian Women's Army Corps with the rank of junior commander for Military District No. 1 (London). She has been given leave of absence from the University of Western Ontario for the duration of the war. Mildred McQueen '23, who was "laid off" at MacDonald Institute because the buildings there were taken over by the R.C.A.F., is substituting for Mary at Western.

Peggy Anderson '38, Diana Cameron '40, Joan MacMillan '40 and Kathleen Staples '40, and Rosamond Crocker, a former student at M.E.S., have joined the Canadian Women's Auxiliary Air Force and have almost finished their training at the new headquarters at 354 Jarvis Street, the old Havergal College building.

Margaret Currie '28 is with the Canadian Women's Army Corps working in the cable office at headquarters in Ottawa. She was called to Toronto due to the death of her sister, Miss Florence Currie, on November 1st. Margaret lived with her sister when she was at M.E.S. We all give her our sincere sympathy in her loss.

Mary Adams '34 has gone to Brandon, Manitoba, to be Physical Director in the Y.W.C.A. and to take charge of the junior boys' work at the Y.M.C.A.

Joyce Bertram '41 is taking Mary's place at the Ontario Training School, Galt.

Kathleen Bird '37 (Mrs. James McWilliam) dropped in to see us early in November. She was on her way east with her husband, who is a pilot in the R.C.A.F. Kay plans to stay with him until he goes overseas.

Betty Brigham '32 (Mrs. Robin B. Davis) and her husband are living in Toronto now, at 2449 Queen Street East.

Frances Caisley '28, who has been teaching physical education, hygiene and science in the elementary schools of Baltimore, has been promoted to Junior High School where she teaches only physical education. She writes of her summer at Camp Kearsarge: "Our campers did a great deal of British war work - made 3 knitted afghans, contributed \$120.00 toward the keep of two English orphans, made and filled 14 mine-sweepers' kits. (We got the idea for this from Lois Russell Heaton). So you see we really worked."

Born, to Lieutenant and Mrs. Wm. Fess (Molly Dallas '38) on October 30th, twin sons, Bill and Peter.

Born to Major C.D. Raikes and Mrs. Raikes (Norah Fletcher '32) on Wednesday, November 19th, at Truro, N.S., a daughter.

Captain and Mrs. Clifford Armitage (Marjorie Fraser '39) announce the birth of their son, Robert Gordon, on October 29th at Sydney, N.S.

Dorte Glahn '33, who gave up her position in the Vancouver Y.W.C.A. to be with her mother in Toronto, has started classes of her own in the York Township public schools. Through the kindness of the Township School Board, Dorte has classes in four schools. She also has a married ladies' class in a church near her home and altogether manages to keep quite busy.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Laura Graham of the class of '41 in the death of her mother on Tuesday, November 18th. Laura's classmates spent many a happy hour in her hospitable home, and will hear with regret of Mrs. Graham's death.

A nice, long letter came recently from Shigeko Hasegawa '39. She hopes to begin work in January and is greatly thrilled at the prospect. One of the staff of the Physical Education College in Tokio, is taking up the study of medicine and Shige is to relieve her. While this teacher does not leave until April, Shige is to help her before she goes, probably doing some statistical or secretarial work for a few months before undertaking active classes. Shige must be much better. She says, "I now know much better how to take care of myself after two years in 'horizontal life', I hope."

Monday, November 10th was quite a day in the office. On that day we had calls from Diana Hawkins, Barbara Jones and Louise Mackenzie, all of '41, and Dorothy Laidlaw '39 (feeling very happy, but it is not announced yet!). Diana, Barbara and Dorothy were all in the city for the long week-end. Louise had just returned from a wonderful trip to the Pacific coast, with many stops along the way, particularly in Lethbridge.

On the same day, Kay Mackenzie Beers '35, came in and brought us up-to-date on news of her family. Her second child, Frederick William Kenneth, was born on September 2nd and both children, Heather and Bill, are thriving in the crisp Muskoka air of Foote's Bay. Corporal Beers is stationed at Summerside, P.E.I., but until he can get suitable accommodation for them, Kay and the children are staying with her people.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. George G. Lee (Jean Mark '29) of 757 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China, a son, Clifford. A letter from Fan Lee '29 gave us this news, but she did not say when young Clifford arrived. We are glad to report that mother and son are both well. Fan writes: "Jean is really getting into the swing of being parent, more so when the floor has to be paced at night - I see Jean quite regularly. We play badminton once a week and Jean has also resumed playing softball. The season for that usually starts around September and I'm looking forward to entering a team again. Do you like cactus plants? I've gotten in the practice of collecting them, not too successful because I haven't yet the knack of taking care of them - either too much watering or otherwise, but just lately I've changed my complete collection - they died - and have the sweetest replacement of 10 two-inch pots like the red ones at home in miniature."

Kathleen Pepler '22 (Mrs. H. John Hall) with Captain Hall and little Christopher, arrived in Canada recently and after spending a few days in Quebec with Kathleen's brother, will be in Toronto with Mrs. Pepler. Kathleen's friends will be very glad to see her again after her sojourn in the far country of Zanzibar.

Bretta Powles '35 is completing her work for her degree in the University of Manitoba.

Elise Smyth '41 is working in the cable office at her home, Sydney, N.S.

We were sorry to see by the daily paper that Betty Snell's brother is missing in air operations overseas. There is still hope that he may be a prisoner of war.

After taking a training course at the Danforth Technical School, Ethel Stevens '30, is now doing munition work - long hours but real satisfaction.

Peggy Taylor '20 (Mrs. Eric B. Johnston) is one of the graduates who has a war guest, a boy the age of her own son. The Johnstons are building a home on a farm out at King and are getting lots of pleasure out of it.

We sympathize deeply with Elinor Walker '39 and her family in the death of her mother, Mrs. E.M. Walker, on October 2nd.

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It has happened again! Once more the University of Toronto has opened its doors and sent out into the "cold, cold world" of culture and commerce its sons and daughters. This year at Convocation, there seemed to be endless streams of gowned young men and gowned and capped young women who walked up the aisles of Convocation Hall, knelt before Chancellor Cody to have a degree of some sort conferred upon them, and walked down again. It was funny to see how many gowns did double duty on this grand occasion. One young man would get back to his seat, slip off his gown and pass it along the row just in time for another student to wear it on his walk up the aisle.

There were no long speeches but President Smith addressed the graduating classes briefly. "Degrees," he said, "are not ends in themselves, but are rather milestones marking the distance you travel. You cannot thumb a ride up the slopes of Mount Parnassus....It is by your own power that you must pace every foot of that road." He spoke of the ideals of the University, ideals of goodness, beauty and truth, and impressed upon the graduates the fact that in getting their degrees they were having the "hall mark" of the University put upon them. "If you do not apprehend the seriousness of the problems that are facing mankind and try to solve these problems," said Dr. Smith, "your university course will be wasted." In closing Dr. Smith quoted the words of Mordecai to Queen Esther, "And who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Heavy rain in the morning prevented the usual procession of graduating classes across the campus and made it necessary for the Garden Party to be held in Examination Hall (shades of departed worries!), but the sun shone brightly in the afternoon and friends and relatives gathered in little groups all over the lawn with perhaps a visit indoors for a glass of lemonade or to see the Student Council awards given out. S.P.H.E. had a special interest in this event, for Susanne Gray of our graduating class was given a golden key, the highest award of the Student Council, presented for service to the student body throughout the three years of the course. Sue was not only head of basketball for the University in her senior year, a big responsibility in itself, but she also managed the Varsity Team in the Intercollegiate Basketball League and was a member of the Varsity Swimming Team. You will also be interested to know that she came fourth in her class, a pretty good record altogether. The Margaret Eaton Gold Medal was won this year by Gwen Lewis and the Erin Scott Nasrith Gold Medal by Terry Dyer. In the II Year, Nancy Simpson won the first scholarship, John Thorson the second, and W.F. Kennedy and Orde Skeeles tied for third place. Eva Brass and E.P. Dale tied for first place in I Year and had the first two scholarships divided between them, while Bruce Forsythe won the third.

Besides graduation there were a number of social functions arranged specially for the Class of 1946. First of all, away back in the spring, came the tea given on Saturday March 16th by Dr. and Mrs. Ryerson at their quaint and interesting home on Delisle Avenue. Gay chatter and music and nice home-cooked refreshments were the high lights. On Sunday, April 7th, Miss Forster entertained for them and finished a very pleasant afternoon with a showing of her movie, "Physical Education at the University". This showed not only pictures of themselves but of other years and was very interesting. On Wednesday, June 5th, former graduates of the School entertained at tea at the Hearthstone for the graduating class, a very happy occasion. Lois Dowson and Eleanor Pattison were in charge of the arrangements for this tea and everything was very nice with sweet peas and other flowers on the table and attractive hand-made cards for the guests of honour, the Class of 1946. Dr. and Mrs. Smith were unable to come, but

Chancellor Cody was there and Dr. and Mrs. Ryerson, as well as Miss Forster and Miss Jackson, Mr. Warren Stevens and Mr. M.G. Griffiths.

The Graduation Banquet was held at the Old Mill in the big room just off the main dining-room, the night of June 6th. White stock, maroon (a pretty good attempt!) and blue carnations decorated the head table and at each place were very attractive place cards done in the school colours. They were well done and we understand were the work of Gwen Lewis. Helen Sheppard was the toast mistress, and after "The King" called on Ivy Baxter to propose the toast to the University. Ivy's excellent speech closed with these words, "Therefore I would propose a two-fold toast. First to the Toronto University which we have left behind, may there be continued growth in the promotion of student fellowship and intellectual integrity and service. To the Toronto University which we take with us, may there be continued growth in the sphere and depth of its vital influence in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Dr. Ryerson replied to the toast with an historical talk on the University, in which he gave information that every graduate should know. He closed his speech with a quotation on Education from The Kenneth Roberts Reader: "An untrained mind is one that contains a small amount or a large amount of superficial and unrelated information, all of which, to its possessor, seems of equal value.....A trained mind is one that has learned through extensive reading of books dealing with several related subjects, as well as through the guidance of competent teachers, to understand why the subjects are related; to criticize intelligently the statements and opinions encountered in its reading; to distinguish between that which is false and worthless and that which is genuine and worthy; to think, in short, for itself, and to go on thinking for itself through life; to speak and write clearly and logically on any subject concerning which it has formed an opinion; and to have a sincere appreciation of and respect for intellectual pursuits."

The toast to the School was proposed by Vera Gilchrist. "Each one of us," said Vera, "will have a different concept of the School which we would like to toast. However there are a few basic, tangible things about which we will all agree." These were the School itself, that is 415 Yonge Street (& Hart House, though 88% of us don't know much about that!), the office (Imagine!), the professors, and finally, "the little intangible items which make for better living, all of them a contribution of the School." In Miss Jackson's reply, she called particular attention to the fact that while we speak of our Alma Mater, there are also Alma Paters and she enlarged on this point from the standpoint of our own staff.

The toast to the graduating class was proposed by Miss Forster. Miss Forster, it seems, was given a small particle of something containing atomic energy, which propelled her for a short time into the period of 20 years hence. There she found out what all the graduates of 1946 were doing and proceeded to tell us about each one of them. For instance she found the Honorable Norman Burt-Gerrans to be the leader of Community Recreation in the United Nations Organization; Hazel Campbell (Mrs. John Campbell) "in charge of the telephone amusement service for the Bell Telephone Company. The customer who is bored just rings 0000 and Hazel comes forth with a short recitation. Of course television helps, and with a flower in her hair and a new set of earrings each day, she is the talk of the town"; Jack Eilbeck, the father of five sons, Stanley, Warren, Griffith, Mac and Carl; Ruby Hope, head of the percussion section of the New York Philharmonic, but recently offered a similar position with the Baxter School of the Dance in Jamaica. Norm Burt-Gerrans replied to the toast in a short but appropriate speech.

"The best Margaret Eaton gathering we ever had", was the opinion expressed on every hand after the Annual Margaret Eaton Alumnae Dinner held at the Old Mill the evening of May 28th. The evening dinner gave some graduates an opportunity to attend who



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